



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

: **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Akira ASAI, et al. : Customer Number: 20277

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For: BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR AND FABRICATION METHOD THEREOF

SECOND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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In re Application of

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated January 29, 2004 and the final Office Action dated October 30, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 30, 2004, and the petition for a one-month extension of time up to and including March 1, 2004 being filed concurrently herewith, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.